

TOWN OF FAIR HAVEN, VERMONT

Selectboard, Water & Sewer Commissioners, Liquor commissioners, Cemetery Commissioners

SPECIAL Meeting -- Tuesday, May 6, 2025 -- 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Meeting Link: <http://us02web.zoom.us/j/85646551688>

Phone: 1 929 2005 6099 | Meeting ID: 8564 655 1688

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Members Present: Glen Traverse, Rich Greenough, Mike Doran, Sam Lucci

Members Absent: Chadd Viger

Others Present: Town Manager Joe Gunter, Recording Secretary Claire Stanley, Town Accountant Teri Perry, Nate Saxon, Dept. of Public Works

Call to Order: Chairman Glen Traverse called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of Bond Documents for Public Works Building Purchase: Manager Gunter reported the National Guard building will be closing July 1st. He prepared a handout for members noting the current public works garage is located in a floodway with a history of flooding; was outgrown 50 years ago having been built in 1938. The new facility is modern, fully equipped, requiring no major renovations. It can accommodate all DPW equipment, being almost 4 times the size of the current building (11,500 sq. Ft.). The State has not told us the need to move, but it is only a matter of time. Chairman Traverse said to post the handout on the Town website and on social media. Manager Gunter said the State wants to get rid of the building by July 1st. Working with Town Accountant Teri Perry, this can be done following all State rules. Ms. Perry spoke of the timeline (included in the handout); is working with a law firm. There will be a public hearing on June 9, 2025, including a tour of the facility on Airport Road. The bond vote is scheduled for June 10th. Manager Gunter welcomes any comments and/or suggestions. There followed brief discussion re: the future use of the current building; police car storage; a salt/sand storage at the new building. Mr. Greenough suggests having a roofed public sand facility at the new site. Mr. Lucci **made a motion to approve** the bond vote warning for the purchase of the National Guard Building on Airport Road; seconded by Mr. Greenough and passed unanimously.

Mr. Snow, Shop Supervisor at the site reported he and his employees were not made aware in advance of the building closing. They were not fired, but were told their jobs are now located in Colchester causing family hardships. He asks that these local military employees be supported and to advocate for them saying the State should take care of their Federal Technician and the soldiers.

Mr. Doran **moved to adjourn** at 7:35 p.m.; seconded by Lucci and passed.

Respectfully submitted, Claire Stanley

Board Clerk